

I AM APPALLED AT THE BLATANT ATTEMPT BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS TO STIFLE SATELLITE RADIO. THIS TYPE OF PROTECTIONISTIC THINKING WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE TELEPHONE, RADIO, TELEVISION AND MANY OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES OVER THE RELATIVELY BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. I BELIEVE THAT IF I AM PAYING FOR SATELLITE RADIO AND/OR TV SERVICE, I AM PAYING FOR THE EXPENDED CHOICES SUCH SERVICES PROVIDE. I AM ALSO PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT WITH SATELLITE RADIO'S PLETHORA OF COMMERCIAL FREE CHOICES AVAILABLE, THE NAB IS AFRAID THE CASH COW OF POLITICAL ADVERTISING BUSINESS MAY BE IN SOME JEOPARDY. AFTER ALL, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ANNOYED WITH CAMPAIGN ADS ARE THE CANDIDATES AND THE BROADCASTERS CHARGING THE AD RATES AND MAKING THE MONEY.

OUR REPUGNANT CONTROLLED CONGRESS IS BACK AT IT ON THIS ISSUE, LINING ITS POCKETS WITH LOBBYIST MONEY TO CONTROL A MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT (READ CONSERVE) ARCHAIC TECHNOLOGY.

IF THE REPUGNANTS IN CONGRESS ARE TRULY INTERESTED IN SERVING THEIR CONSTITUENTS, I SUBMIT THAT THEY SHOULD BE EMBRACING THE FREEDOM WHICH SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES. FOR INSTANCE, I, AS A JAZZ FAN, NOW HAVE SIX CHOICES OF CHANNELS WHICH PLAY THE MUSIC I ENJOY MOST, ALL COMMERCIAL FREE.

COMMERCIAL RADIO PROVIDES NO SUCH PROGRAMMING IN ANY CITY WITH WHICH I AM AWARE. BESIDES THAT, I CAN RETAIN THE SAME QUALITY OF SIGNAL NO MATTER WHERE I GO. SURE SOUNDS LIKE A THREAT TO AMERICAN IDEALS!, DOESN'T IT?

WHILE I LIVE IN AN AREA WHICH AT THIS POINT IS NOT REALLY COVERED BY THE TRAFFIC AND WEATHER CHANNEL, IT WILL NOT BE LONG UNTIL SATELLITE RADIO WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH A SERVICE TO ME AND OTHER SUBSCRIBERS. TO NOT ALLOW SUCH PROGRESS IS COMPLETELY ANTI-AMERICAN. THAT KIND OF THINKING PREVAILING, WE'D STILL BE GETTING THE MAIL VIA PONY EXPRESS.